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HISTORICAL NOTES

PARCEL POST AND RURAL DELIVERY IN 1737

"Whereas this Province to the Southward is pretty much settled, and no Provision yet made for the certain and sure Conveyance of Letters and Advices, a certain person, Inhabitant of the Province, offers himself to go once every Week from Charles Town to Ashley-Ferry, Dorchester, Stono and Ponpon and to carry any Letters and Pacquets up and down, in case the several Inhabitants residing in those Places intend to reap the Benefit thereof, will subscribe respectively a Sum sufficient to make it worth his while. All such Gentlemen therefore as are willing to encourage so useful a Design, are desired to send in their Names and what Sum they are pleased to subscribe, at PonPon to Geo: Douglas, at Stono to Fr: Dandridge, at Ashley Ferry to Fr: Sureau, and in Charles Town to the Printer hereof, where all Letters or Pacquets will be carefully forwarded.—*South Carolina Gazette*, September 23, 1737.

RECORDS IN GEORGE SMITH'S BIBLE

This Bible, printed in London in 1707, belonged to George Smith, the second son of the second Landgrave Thomas Smith, and was presented to this Society in May, 1912, by Mrs. J. Palmer Lockwood. Such records as it contains are written on the back of the title-page to New Testament, with the exception of the entry concerning Thomas Smith, which is written just above the imprint date.

. . . . (torn) born August ye 2d. 1693

. . . ." Rebecca Blake the . . . . March 1716–17 who Dyed October . . . . aged Twenty Years and Seven Days.

. . . . was Born ye 25th. of Aprill . . . . Dyed ye 30th. September following.

Elizabeth Smith was born ye 8th. of September 1719 and Dyed five weeks old wanted two Days.